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## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 1, 13, 25, 26, and 40 have been amended. Claims 8, 9, 20, 21, 27, 29, 31, 34, 36, and 38 have been canceled. Claims 1-7, 10-19, 22-26, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37, 39, and 40 remain in the application. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview of June 21, 2005, wherein the rejected claims were discussed.

Claims 1-7, 10-19, 22-26, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37, 39, and 40 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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